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Kirsten Walli, Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
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Dear Ms Walli:

Re: EB-2011-0043 – Consultation on Regional Planning for Electricity Infrastructure

We are counsel to the Consumers Council of Canada (“CCC”). We have received a copy of the Board’s letter of April 1, 2011 announcing this consultation and inviting stakeholders to participate in it. We are writing to you to confirm our client’s intention to participate in this consultation.

As the Board will be aware, the CCC has been an active participant in most, if not all, of the Board’s policy-making initiatives for the regulation of the electricity sector, including those dealing with the Transmission System and Distribution System Codes.

The CCC’s consultant, Julie Girvan, will attend the stakeholder meeting on May 12, 2011.

The CCC hereby requests cost eligibility for its participation in this consultation.

The CCC requests that the Board find it to be eligible for costs on the following grounds.

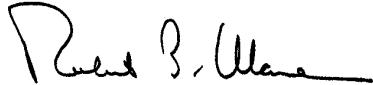
The CCC is a non-profit, public interest organization, which represents the interests of the broad array of residential consumers of electricity in Ontario. The issues to be considered in the consultation process are ones which have a significant impact on residential consumers of electricity and, accordingly, the outcome of the proceeding will have an impact on the interests of those consumers. It is essential that the interests of residential consumers are represented and protected in the Board’s consultation. Our client, therefore, has a substantial interest in the outcome of the consultation, and will participate fully in it.

The CCC has no funds to support its intervention in this Consultation. In the absence of a cost award, our client would not be able to participate and assist the Board in its Consultation.

The representative of the CCC in this matter will be the CCC's consultant, Julie Girvan. Ms Girvan's contact information is: 62 Hillside Avenue East Toronto, ON, M4S 1T5, telephone: (416) 322-7936, fax: (416) 322-9703, e-mail: jgirvan@ca.inter.net.

Yours very truly,

WeirFoulds LLP

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert B. Warren". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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cc: Joan Huzar
cc: Julie Girvan
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